

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Diane Rondini and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Meaghan Henry, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Greg
Members Present:	Bucholtz, Commissioner Lance Horozewski, Commissioner Evelyn Coker, Commissioner Dana Brown, Kim Jenkins, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Lesley Baird Chapin, Commissioner John Bauman, Commissioner Ella Bostwick, Commissioner Maurice Newton, Jr., Commissioner Trevor Strickler, Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Andrew Miller
Subcommittee	Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Judge Everett Mitchell,
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Marc Perry
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Sabrina Gentile, Matt Allord, Jessica Reindl, Lara Kenny

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:00 p.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Co-Chair Carl Ashley welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting and asked members to give a brief introduction. Co-Chair Ashley confirmed quorum with DOJ Staff.

Co-Chair Ashley asked for a motion to approve January 27, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve January 27, 2026, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner John Bauman and seconded by Commissioner Diane Rondini to approve January 27, 2026, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Co-Chair Ashley asked for DOJ updates.

DOJ Updates

Staff: Matt Allord reported there were no staff updates.

Compliance: Matt Allord used a PowerPoint presentation to provide details on the upcoming OJJDP compliance audit of Wisconsin DOJ.

Legislation – Sabrina Gentile reported both houses of the legislature have adjourned for the regular session. The Assembly's last session day was February 19, 2026. The Senate's last session day was March 17, 2026. The Governor could call a special session, if the legislature and the Governor agree to a property tax package.

Gentile reported on the following bills (AB/Assembly Bill) (SB/Senate Bill)

- AB773/SB 755, treatment of a pregnant or postpartum person in prison or jail, has been introduced. This bill applies to all Department of Corrections detention facilities, Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY), county juvenile detention centers and jails. The bill limits the use of physical restraints on pregnant and certain postpartum people in custody. The legislation replicates the current practice in DOC facilities. This bill would put this practice into statute. Limiting the use of restraints is currently one of the 33 requirements in the JJDP. No action/no hearing on the bills.
- AB860/SB847, written resource guides informing inmates and juveniles in custody of their rights and making an appropriation. Adult resource guides are updated annually. This bill provides the same requirements for juveniles in custody, except that DOC is responsible for maintaining the written resource guide relating to juveniles, posting and distributing the resource guide for type 1 juvenile detention facilities, and ensuring that any juvenile detention facility, secured residential care center for children and youth, or juvenile portion of the county jail approved by DOC has a plan to distribute the resource guide. No action/no hearing on the bills.
- AB946/SB926 - Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction would implement a two-year pilot program during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, providing at least 50,000 high school students access to an electronic, multicomponent behavioral health prevention tool. Bill includes \$1.5 million per year funding. Hearing was held on Feb 3. DPI did not testify. Executive session is Tues, Feb 10 at 9:15. No further action. SB926 had a hearing on March 3. No further action was taken.
- SB882/AB895 Eliminate Juvenile Life without Parole – No action/hearing on the bill.
- AB1075 Raise the Age to 18 for juvenile court jurisdiction – No action/hearing on the bill.

Gentile reported the 2026 Election dates.

- February 17 was the Spring Primary.
- April 7 is the Spring General.
- April 15 is the first day candidates can circulate nomination papers for the Fall Election.
- June 1 is the deadline to file nomination papers for the Fall Election.
- August 11 is the Fall Primary.
- November 3 is the Fall General.

Grants – Komro reported that three awards were made for the Positive Youth Development grant and two awards were made for the Youth Justice System Improvement grant. The Fiscal Year 2025 Title II Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted and the application was in process.

Wisconsin Secure Juvenile Facility Landscape Review

Commissioner Lesley Chapin and Commissioner Lance Horozewski

Commissioners Chapin and Horozewski used a PowerPoint for their presentation on the staff ratios, culture shift, and Dialectical Behavior Therapy system of care implemented in Department of Corrections, Type 1 Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

Public Comment

The Subcommittee received comments from the public.

2027-2029 Three Year Strategic Planning

Komro announced due to time constraints, she will email information regarding three-year strategic planning, stakeholder survey development, and youth input projects to the Subcommittee, and they can provide their input.

Announcements

Komro repeated the upcoming events, including the OJJDP Audit, that DOJ Staff will be working on and asked the Subcommittee for their approval to cancel the April 28 PLC Subcommittee. The Subcommittee agreed to cancel the April meeting.

Co-Chair Ashley announced the Youth Voice Commission's 2025 Youth Outreach Project Final Report is posted on the GJJC website and encouraged Subcommittee members to read it.

Co-Chair Ashley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Horozewski and seconded by Commissioner Chapin to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

2026 PLC Subcommittee Meeting Dates: 12:00PM-1:30PM

- June 23, 2026
- October 27, 2026

2026 GJJC Quarterly Meetings Dates: 9:00AM-12:00PM

- May 12, 2026, virtual
- August 18, 2026, virtual
- November 10, 2026, in person